

Clay	Kennedy (MA)	Poshard
Clayton	Kennedy (RI)	Price (NC)
Clyburn	Kennelly	Rahall
Condit	Kildee	Rangel
Conyers	Kilpatrick	Reyes
Costello	Kind (WI)	Rivers
Coyne	Klecza	Rodriguez
Cramer	Klink	Roemer
Cummings	Kucinich	Ros-Lehtinen
Danner	LaFalce	Rothman
Davis (FL)	Lampson	Roybal-Allard
Davis (IL)	Levin	Rush
DeFazio	Lewis (GA)	Sabo
DeGette	Lofgren	Sanchez
Delahunt	Lowe	Sanders
DeLauro	Luther	Sandlin
Diaz-Balart	Maloney (CT)	Sawyer
Dicks	Maloney (NY)	Schaffer, Bob
Dingell	Manton	Schumer
Dixon	Markey	Scott
Doggett	Martinez	Serrano
Dooley	Mascara	Shays
Doyle	Matsui	Sherman
Edwards	McCarthy (MO)	Sisisky
Engel	McCarthy (NY)	Skaggs
Etheridge	McDermott	Skelton
Evans	McGovern	Slaughter
Farr	McHale	Smith, Adam
Fattah	McIntyre	Smith, Linda
Fazio	McKinney	Snyder
Filner	McNulty	Spratt
Forbes	Meehan	Stabenow
Ford	Meek (FL)	Stark
Frank (MA)	Meeks (NY)	Stenholm
Frost	Menendez	Stokes
Gejdenson	Millender	Strickland
Gephardt	McDonald	Stupak
Gordon	Miller (CA)	Tanner
Green	Minge	Tauscher
Gutierrez	Moakley	Thompson
Hall (OH)	Mollohan	Thurman
Hamilton	Moran (VA)	Tierney
Hastings (FL)	Morella	Torres
Hefner	Murtha	Traficant
Hilliard	Nadler	Velazquez
Hinchoy	Neal	Vento
Hinojosa	Oberstar	Visclosky
Holden	Obey	Walsh
Hooley	Olver	Waters
Houghton	Ortiz	Watt (NC)
Hoyer	Owens	Waxman
Hutchinson	Pallone	Wexler
Jackson (IL)	Pascrell	Weygand
Jackson-Lee	Pastor	Wise
(TX)	Paul	Woolsey
John	Payne	Wynn
Johnson, E.B.	Pelosi	Yates
Kanjorski	Peterson (MN)	
Kaptur	Pomeroy	

NOT VOTING—21

Buyer	Harman	Oxley
Callahan	Jefferson	Riggs
Clement	Johnson (WI)	Schiff
Eshoo	Lantos	Shadegg
Everett	Largent	Smith (OR)
Furse	Miller (FL)	Towns
Gonzalez	Mink	Young (AK)

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GIBBONS, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had not voted in the affirmative.

So, less than two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were not suspended and said bill, as amended, was not passed.

7.9 RECOGNITION OF VIETNAM POWS

On motion of Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, by unanimous consent, the Committee on National Security was discharged from further consideration of the following resolution (H. Res. 360):

Whereas participation by United States Armed Forces in combat operations in Southeast Asia during the period from 1964 through 1972 resulted in as many as 8,000 United States servicemen being taken prisoner by enemy forces;

Whereas the first such United States serviceman taken as a prisoner of war, Navy Lt. Commander Everett Alvarez, was captured on August 5, 1964;

Whereas following the Paris Peace Accords of January 1973, 591 United States prisoners of war were released from captivity;

Whereas the return of these prisoners of war to United States control and to their families and comrades was designated Operation Homecoming;

Whereas many United States servicemen who were taken prisoner as a result of ground or aerial combat in Southeast Asia have not returned to their loved ones and their fate remains unknown;

Whereas United States prisoners of war in Southeast Asia were routinely subjected to brutal mistreatment, including beatings, torture, starvation, and denial of medical attention;

Whereas United States prisoners of war were held in a number of facilities, the most notorious of which was Hoa Loa Prison in downtown Hanoi, dubbed the "Hanoi Hilton" by the prisoners held there;

Whereas the hundreds of American prisoners held in the Hanoi Hilton and other facilities persevered under terrible conditions;

Whereas the prisoners were frequently isolated from each other and prohibited from speaking to each other;

Whereas the prisoners nevertheless, at great personal risk, devised a means to communicate with each other through a code transmitted by tapping on cell walls;

Whereas then-Commander James B. Stockdale, United States Navy, who upon his capture on September 9, 1965, became the senior POW officer present in the Hanoi Hilton, delivered to his men a message that was to sustain them during their ordeal, as follows: Remember, you are Americans. With faith in God, trust in one another, and devotion to your country, you will overcome. You will triumph;

Whereas among the prisoners held in the Hanoi Hilton was then-Major Sam Johnson, United States Air Force, now a Representative in Congress from Texas, who was shot down on April 16, 1966, while flying his 25th mission over North Vietnam and while a prisoner conducted himself with such valor as to be labeled by the enemy as a die-hard resister and, notwithstanding the tremendous suffering inflicted upon him, continually demonstrated an unflinching devotion to duty, honor, and country, and who during his military career was awarded two Silver Stars, two Legions of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, one Bronze Star with Valor, two Purple Hearts, four Air Medals, and three Outstanding Unit awards, who retired from active duty in 1979 in the grade of colonel, and who personifies the verse in Isaiah 40:31, "They shall mount with wings as eagles";

Whereas among the prisoners held in the Hanoi Hilton was then-Captain Pete Peterson, United States Air Force, a former Representative in Congress from Florida who is now serving, in a distinguished manner, as the United States Ambassador to Vietnam, who was shot down on September 10, 1966, and while a prisoner conducted himself with valor and, notwithstanding the tremendous suffering inflicted upon him, continually demonstrated an unflinching devotion to duty, honor, and country, and who during his military career was awarded two Silver Stars, one Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, three Bronze Stars with V Devices, two Purple Hearts, six Air Medals, one Air Force Commendation Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with eight devices, and one Meritorious Service Medal, and who retired from active duty in 1981 in the grade of colonel;

Whereas the men held as prisoners of war during the Vietnam conflict truly represent all that is best about America;

Whereas the 25th anniversary of Operation Homecoming begins on February 12, 1998; and

Whereas the Nation owes a debt of gratitude to these patriots for their courage and exemplary service: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) expresses its gratitude for, and calls upon all Americans to reflect upon and show their gratitude for, the courage and sacrifice of the brave men, including particularly Sam Johnson of Texas and Pete Peterson of Florida, who were held as prisoners of war during the Vietnam conflict;

(2) urges States and localities to honor the courage and sacrifice of those brave men with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and

(3) acting on behalf of all Americans, will not forget that more than 2,000 members of the United States Armed Forces remain unaccounted for from the Vietnam conflict and will continue to press for a final accounting for all such servicemembers whose fate is unknown.

When said resolution was considered.

After debate,

By unanimous consent, the previous question was ordered on the resolution to its adoption or rejection and under the operation thereof, the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

7.10 OBSERVANCE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

On motion of Mr. SHIMKUS, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That, in may be in order for the SPEAKER to appoint two Members of the House, one upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, to represent the House of Representatives at appropriate ceremonies for the observance of George Washington's Birthday to be held on Monday, February 23, 1998.

7.11 CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS DISPENSED WITH

On motion of Mr. SHIMKUS, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That business in order for consideration on Wednesday, February 25, 1998, under clause 7, rule XXIV, the Calendar Wednesday rule, be dispensed with.

7.12 SPEAKER AND MINORITY LEADER TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS, APPOINT COMMISSIONS

On motion of Mr. SHIMKUS, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Tuesday, February 24, 1998, the Speaker and the Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments to commissions, boards and committees duly authorized by law or by the House.

7.13 RECESS—3:40 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PITTS, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, declared the House in recess at 3 o'clock and 40 minutes p.m., until approximately 5:00 p.m.